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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, March 25, 1925.

Reported by Messrs. Smith and Carlton from Committee on Ways and Bridges and Interior Waters jointly and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Carlton of Sagadahoc.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

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RESOLVE, Amending Article IX of the Constitution, Authorizing the Issuing of Bonds to Be Used for the Purposes of Building a Bridge Across the Kennebec River Between the City of Bath and the Town of Woolwich.

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*Resolved:* Two-thirds of the legislature concurring the  
2 following amendment to the constitution of the state be pro-  
3 posed:

Section seventeen of article nine of the constitution is  
2 hereby amended by adding to said section the following:  
3 'The legislature may authorize, in addition to the bonds  
4 herein before mentioned, the issuance of bonds not exceed-

5 ing three million dollars in amount at any one time payable  
6 within fifty-one years at a rate of interest not exceeding  
7 four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, which  
8 bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted solely to the build-  
9 ing of a highway or combination highway and railroad  
10 bridge across the Kennebec river, between the city of Bath  
11 and the town of Woolwich,' so that said section as amended  
12 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 17. The legislature may authorize the issuing of  
2 bonds not exceeding ten million dollars in amount at any  
3 one time, payable within forty-one years, at a rate of in-  
4 terest not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable  
5 semi-annually, which bonds or their proceeds shall be de-  
6 voted solely to the building of state highways, and intra-  
7 state, inter-state and international bridges; provided, how-  
8 ever, that bonds issued and outstanding under the author-  
9 ity of this section shall never, in the aggregate, exceed ten  
10 million dollars; the expenditure of said money to be divided  
11 equitably among the several counties of the state. The leg-  
12 islature may authorize, in addition to the bonds hereinbe-  
13 fore mentioned, the issuance of bonds not exceeding three  
14 million dollars in amount at any one time, payable within  
15 fifty-one years, at a rate of interest not exceeding four per  
16 centum for annum, payable semi-annually, which bonds or  
17 their proceeds shall be devoted, solely to the building of a  
18 highway or combination highway and railroad bridge across

19 the Kennebec river between the city of Bath and the town  
20 of Woolwich.'

That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and  
2 the assessors of the several plantations of this state are  
3 hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of  
4 their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in  
5 the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding bien-  
6 nial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of sena-  
7 tors and representatives on the second Monday in Septem-  
8 ber following the passage of this resolve, to give in their  
9 votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing reso-  
10 lution and the question shall be:

Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a reso-  
2 lution of the legislature providing for an increase in the  
3 amount of state bonds to be issued for the purpose of  
4 building a highway or combination highway and railroad  
5 bridge across the Kennebec river, between the city of Bath  
6 and the town of Woolwich?

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations  
2 shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the  
3 amendment voting "Yes" upon their ballots and those op-  
4 posed to the amendment voting "No" upon their ballots  
5 and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and de-  
6 clared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and re-  
7 turn made to the office of the secretary of state in the same  
8 manner as votes for governor and members of the legisla-  
9 ture and the governor and council shall count the same and

10 if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting  
11 on the question are in favor of the amendment, the gov-  
12 ernor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclama-  
13 tion and the amendment shall thereupon as of the date of  
14 said proclamation become a part of the constitution.

That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to  
2 the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank  
3 returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve accom-  
4 panied by a copy thereof.